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1. AFTER REVIEWING POSSIBILITIES CONSULATE HAS CONCLUDED THAT IN ORDER DELIVER SEPTEMBER SSA CHECKS IT BEST PROCEED WITH REGULAR TRIP TO ELAZIG, PROBABLY IN FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. WHILE WE CONTINUE TO HAVE STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT TRAVELLING TO ELAZIG AT THIS TIME, PARTICULARLY IN ABSENCE INFORMATION ON MR. OZUN'S

PAGE 2 RUFLEPA4297 C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE OF MIND, WE SEE NO REAL ALTERNATIVE FOR THIS MONTH'S DELIVERY.

2. ADANA SECURITY DIRECTORATE ASSURES US THAT ADEQUATE PROTECTION CAN BE PROVIDED IF THEY NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF OUR TRAVEL AND UPON ARRIVAL ELAZIG WE REPORT DIRECTLY TO SECURITY DIRECTORATE. WE FEEL WE SHOULD GIVE THIS A TRY. WE MAY LEARN THAT WE ARE SATISFIED WITH PROTECTION AFFORDED AND WISH TO CONTINUE. WE THINK THIS UNLIKELY, HOWEVER. WHILE ADEQUATE PROTECTION CAN PROBABLY BE PROVIDED FOR ONE OR EVEN SEVERAL TRIPS, WE REMAIN UNCONVICED THAT IF THREAT CONTINUES MEANINGFUL PROTECTION COULD BE PROVIDED OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIMZ. EVENTUALLY OZUN, SHOULD HE PERSIST, WOULD LEARN DETAILS OF PROTECTION AND FIND WAY TO CIRCUMVENT IT. IT OF COURSE POSSIBLE THAT OZUN WILL UNDERGO CHANGE OF HEART OR AT LEAST TACTICS AS RESULT HIS EXPERIENCE WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLICE, BUT WE CONSIDER MORE LIKELY RESPONSE TO BE THE ANGER OF

WOUNDED PRIDE RATHER THAN A CHASTISED RECONCILITATION WITH SSA OR CONSULATE. THUS WE STILL WEIGHING ALTERNATIVES TO MONTHLY TRIPS TO ELAZIG, INCLUDING THOSE PROPOSED BY SSA.

3. WHILE NONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES PROVIDE CLOSE CONTROL WE NOW EXCERCISE WE BELIEVE THAT AN ARRANGEMENT FOR DELIVERY OF CHECKS

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THROUGH A BANK IN ELAZIG COULD PROVIDE REASONABLE CONTROLS AND MERITS FURTHER CONSIDERATION. IN COMPARISON, OTHER ALTERNATIVES SEEM FAR LESS DESIRABLE FOR REASONS SET FORTH BELOW: (A) WE ASSUME THAT SINCE REFTEL DID NOT EVEN MENTION POSSIBILITY OF MAILING CHECKS DEPT AND SSA SHARE OUR VIEW THAT MAILING NOT A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE AS OLD PROBLEM OF MISUSE OF FUNDS WOULD RETURN. (B) WE SEE NO ADVANTAGE IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT POINT AT MALATYA OR ELSEWHERE IN AREA SINCE WE CONVINCED THAT OZUN OR FAMILY JUST AS CAPABLE CARRYING THROUGH ON THREATS THERE AS IN ELZAIG. IN ADDITION, SUCH AN ARRANGMENT WOULD REQUIRE SEEKING COOPERATION OF STILL A THIRD POLICE DEPT. (C) WE HAVE NOT RULED OUT SEEKING ARRANGEMENT WITH SOME TURKISH AGENCY, SUCH AS SOCIAL SECURITY, AND NEW CONSUL, WHO PLANNING MAKE TRIP HIMSELF IN ORDER FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH PROBLEM AND AREA COULD RAISE THIS POSSIBILITY WITH GOVZRNOR ELAZIG PROVINCE IN CALL ON HIM. WE FRANKLY RELUCTANT, HOWEVER GET INVOLVED WITH GOT BUREAUCRACY AND HAVE NO REASON TO ASSUME GOT AGENCY WOULD BE MORE RELIABLE THAN BANK.

4. ON BALANCE, THEREFORE, WE FEEL THAT SHOULD WE CONCLUDE THAT IT IS PATENTLY UNSAFE CONTINUE DIRECT DELIVERY OF CHECKS, BANK ARRANGEMENT CLEARLY MOST ATTRACTIVE ARRANGEMENT. WE DO NOT SHARE FBU REP

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ATHENS BLANKET VIEW OF UNRELIABILITY TURKISH BANKS IN AREA. TURK IS BANKASI (TURKISH LABOR BANK) IN ELAZIG, FOR INSTANCE, IS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THIS OFFICE. AS WE SEE IT, WE COULD SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE OUR EXPOSURE UNDER SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT BY RESTRICTING OUR TRAVEL TO PERIODIC VISITS TO MONITOR SITUATION, PERHAPS QUARTERLY. WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER COMMENTS ADDRESSEES ON THIS.

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AND BY PHONE DIRECTLY TO ELAZIG, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE LEARN HOW LONG OZUN DETAINED NOR HOW HE REACTED. WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT HE RELEASED WHEN ELAZIG INFORMED WE NOT PRESSING CHARGES AT THIS TIME AND WE CAN WELL IMAGINE HIS REACTION. END FYI.

**JONES** 

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